

## Washington State Board of Education Member Vacancy

The Washington State Board of Education, a statewide K-12 advocacy and policy oversight board, is seeking applicants to fill a vacant seat.

### Background

The Washington State Board of Education is committed to improving student achievement and ensuring all students receive a high quality education that prepares them for the demands of the workplace, postsecondary education, and citizenship.

The Board is an advocate for all students, educators, schools and districts across our state. The Board is committed to creating policies and finding the tools and resources to help every school and every district improve student achievement. Working together, we can help all students succeed.

We encourage you to learn more about the Board by visiting our [website](http://sbe.wa.gov) (sbe.wa.gov), reading our [goals and mission statements](#), as well as the Board's [composition](#), [membership](#), [current members](#), and [staff](#).

### The Position

The selected member's term would begin in July or September 2011 and end in January 2014. The successful candidate would have the opportunity to run again for the position after their first term.

### Requirements:

[RCW 28A.305.021](#) specifies candidate criteria for elected positions to the Board. For this particular vacancy, eligible candidates must be from western Washington, and may not work in the following institutions upon appointment to the Board:

- Public school
- Private school
- College/University
- Educational service district
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Board of directors for a school/district

The successful candidate must meet the duties of the Board, which include:

1. Attending a minimum of six meetings throughout the year. The meetings are held at various locations across the state and run for a minimum of two days.
2. Participating in phone conferences when required.
3. Completing Board reading assignments and tasks as assigned.
4. Attending stakeholder meetings (with partner K-12 organizations) when required.

### Preferred Qualifications:

1. A working understanding of K-12 education.
2. A working understanding of policy.

3. Familiarity with Board's work, accomplishments, and strategic goals.
4. Experience in working with, or for, diverse populations.

**Desired Attributes:**

1. Proven commitment to K-12 education.
2. Strategic Planner.
3. Excellent Communicator.
4. Team Player.

**Timeline**

The newly appointed member will join the Board for the July 12-14 meeting. The timeline for the election process follows:

<b>May 16</b>	Post on SBE Web site applicant information and get out to stakeholder groups
<b>June 16</b>	Close applications
<b>June 27</b>	Conduct interviews
<b>July 12-14</b>	Announce appointment

**Compensation:**

Though participation with the Board is considered voluntary:

1. Members are paid a per diem rate during regular Board meetings.
2. Travel expenses are also covered by the Board.

**Next Steps**

Applicants must fill out the application and send the document to [loy.mccolm@k12.wa.us](mailto:loy.mccolm@k12.wa.us) no later than 4:30 on June 16.

For questions, please contact Ms. McColm at the email above or by calling the State Board of Education office directly at 360.725.6025.